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STEWART, E.W.

State Insurance "Authority to
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27th April 1927.

MEMO. for Mr. Stevens:

We intend broadcasting the
Murwillumbah Musical Festival on Saturday May 28th
from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Will you please make
arrangements to secure the necessary lines.

W. Robinson

DIRECTOR
QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

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Southport.

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Dear Mr Robinson,

Officially I am
unable to return to Brisbane
today through illness, but
will probably be in the office
Thursday.

Unofficially, I'm
pretty dam crook & have
been in bed since I arrived.

It's bronchitis with
indications of pneumonia.

Cheerio,

Yrs sincerely,
J. W. Brown

P.S. Hope all is ok.
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Chief Secretary's Office,

Brisbane. 1st May, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour by direction to inform you that the Lieutenant Governor, acting as Deputy for and behalf of His Excellency the Governor, and with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Frederick William Stevens, to be First Engineer, Queensland Radio Service, for a term of three years, with salary at the rate of £500 per annum for the first year, with increments, subject to the successful operation of the Station, at the rate of £50 per annum in each of the second and third years; this appointment to take effect from the 13th April, 1925.

Yours faithfully,

G. Watson
for Under Secretary.

The Manager,

Queensland Radio Service,

BRISBANE.

E.T. No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA—POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAM.



Station From
Sydney 13 4 10pm 15
Time
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Date
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Words Check Remarks No.

To Manager Government Radio
service
Brisbane

4q30

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations.

everything satisfactory leaving for Brisbane express thursday
Stevens

Time received at this Office.

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.G.

Brisbane, 7th April, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

Our Station here is now well under course of construction, and the question of the installation of apparatus has already cropped up. Some days ago I forwarded you copies of letters showing the negotiations which I have had with Amalgamated Wireless.

For your own information I may say that I am ready at any time now to receive any equipment which Amalgamated Wireless may ship to me. If the Station does not happen to be ready when this arrives, I will quite easily find storage for it.

When you are in Sydney next week, will you please take the opportunity of discussing with Mr. Mulholland the question of the establishment of gear. I have written to Mr. Mulholland telling him that you will discuss this matter with him. Will you also see Mr. Wing and discuss with him the question of any supplies of apparatus which we may require for a trading department. Mr. Wing will advise you of the position. Your discussions with Mr. Wing will, of course, be of an informal nature. I am merely asking you to see him with the idea of giving you an opportunity of ascertaining just exactly what stocks of saleable apparatus Amalgamated Wireless may have to offer us during the next few months.

Some little difficulty has arisen in connection with the installation of the motor generator in our Station. If we place it on the roof, its weight and vibration will render it necessary for us to considerably strengthen the building from the roof right down to the second floor. The Public Works Department has asked me if it will be possible to instal the motor in some other part of the building, than the roof, and I have told them

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88 Eskdale Road,
Caulfield,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

that ...

Queensland Radio Service,

Station 4 M.G.

that it will be quite possible. In one way it is desirable to have the generator in our Station, ^{Brisbane,} but in another it is perhaps better to have it away from the Studios. If we have it well away, there is no possibility of any hum leading into the transmission. The only trouble is that the building is of seven stories, and in the event of any motor trouble, it will mean the closing down of the Station for a few minutes while the engineer of the Station takes the lift down to the basement to right the matter. The controls should not be at all difficult. At 2 F.C. the generator was placed under the floor of the building, and if we placed ours in another part of the Insurance building, it merely means that we are making the leads from the motor to its controls just a little longer than they were at 2 F.C. There should not be any trouble in voltage through these long leads. I am enclosing herewith for your perusal copy of a letter which I have written to Amalgamated Wireless regarding this matter, and this will assist you to discuss the question with them when you are in Sydney.

I am now awaiting information from you regarding the definite date on which you will leave Melbourne, the days on which you will be in Sydney, and the date on which you will leave.

I may add that I am rather glad you propose to be here for the week-end prior to your definitely taking up your appointment, because it will give me an opportunity to go fully into quite a number of details with you.

I also shall refer to another matter. The State Government has decided to establish a relay Station at Rockhampton, and with this object in view, has applied to the Federal Authorities, and has tentatively been granted a "B" Class license.

A wave-length of 323 metres has been allotted, and I have asked Amalgamated Wireless to give me a quotation for a $\frac{1}{2}$ kilowatt set.

When you are in Sydney you might also discuss this matter with Mr. Mulholland.

Yours faithfully,

John Robin

BROADCASTING COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA

PROPRIETARY LIMITED

AUTHORISED SELLING AGENTS:
BUCKLEY & NUNN
BOURKE STREET, MELBOURNE

TELEPHONE:
CENT. 8060

CALL SIGN - 3 L.O.
POWER - 5 KILOWATTS
WAVE LENGTH 1720 METRES

*Cambridge Buildings, 193 Collins Street,
Melbourne,*

3rd April 1925

Manager
Queensland Radio Service
Station 4 Q.G.
BRISBANE.

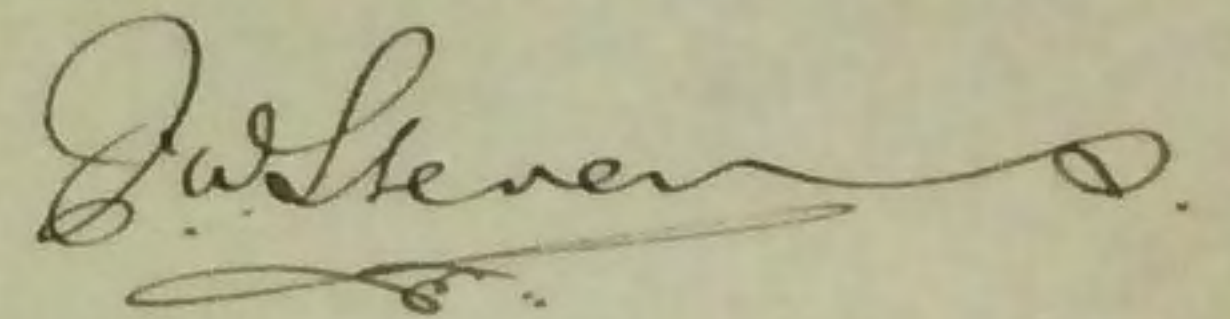
Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 19th March 1925 I shall be pleased to arrange accordingly and will be in Brisbane about 17th April.

In reply to yours of 24th March 1925 I shall also be pleased to arrange this matter. Will you please arrange for the three gentlemen concerned to call on me at Amalgamated Wireless' Rooms during the morning of Wednesday 15th April 1925.

Should any other matter need attention you may communicate with me at my usual address until Monday morning 13th April and from then until 16th April care Amalgamated Wireless (A/asia) Ltd. Clarence Street Sydney.

Yours faithfully



Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.S.

Brisbane,

2nd. April, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a letter which I have this day despatched to the Assistant Manager, Amalgamated Wireless (A/sia) Ltd., Sydney.

I also enclose herewith a copy of a letter which I have sent to Amalgamated Wireless regarding the installation of gear in the Station. This also may interest you.

Yours faithfully,

Robinson

MANAGER.

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

Encl:

F. W. Stevens Esq.,
88 Eskdale Road,
Caulfield,
MELBOURNE. VIC.

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.G.

Brisbane, 30th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant and think that the arrangements you are making will be very suitable. During the two or three days you are in Sydney, you will be able to see those chaps regarding whom I wrote you some time previously, and if you will kindly confirm at your earliest convenience the date upon which it will be suitable for you to be at Amalgamated Wireless, I will write to them, and ask them to call and see you.

I quite understand just how you feel in regard to leaving Melbourne. I felt exactly the same way about Sydney. I still feel it, in fact, I have adopted the same attitude as yourself and forget any pangs of regret in the thought that a big job lies ahead. Your remarks regarding the first heave of the anchor aptly sum up the whole position. (Incidentally, they also serve to remind me of the fact that I am darned tired this morning, having spent the last two nights in a five-ton ketch down Moreton Bay. Half the one night was spent on a mud-bank and the other half on a coral reef). But to get back to business. When you arrive in Sydney, have a real good look around the Station and Workshops and please try to realise that your job up here warrants you making any inquiries you like which you think would be of use to the Service.

Just one other little point. Before leaving Melbourne, do you mind looking up Mr. Kingsley-Love, Managing Director of the 'Radio Broadcast', 443 Little Collins Street, Melbourne. I have sent several paragraphs down to his paper and one or two of them have appeared. He has not acknowledged receipt of my letters, but has published some of the paragraphs in 'Radio Broadcast'. Will you kindly ask him if he desires to be included in the press releases from Station 4 Q.G.

F. W. Stevens Esq.,
88 Eskdale Road,
Caulfield, MELBOURNE.

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.C.

Brisbane, 30th March, 1925.

These press releases will include monthly programme bulletins. During the course of your conversation you might mention that I read with interest the Leader in the issue of March 1st. The last eight words in it interested me. I will be glad if you will, in a quite way, let Mr. Kingsley-Love know that there certainly is a sound reason for the use of a low wavelength for 4 Q.C. Just quietly remind him that although this Station is being constructed by the same house which built others, it differs from the others inasmuch as it is our own property and will be run by us and not by anybody else.

With kindest regards to all at Melbourne.

Yours very Sincerely,

W. Robinson

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.C.

Brisbane, 24th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I wrote to you officially two or three days ago and asked you to please be in Brisbane for duty on Monday the 20th April. I hope this date will suit you.

Have you seen anything of Lamb lately, or failing that, do you know of anyone else who would be useful to us in the Station. As you know, we want a second engineer, and it is necessary that he be a thoroughly reliable man and not of the type of many who have applied for the job.

I have two or three yarns with F. Stevens of the Levuka and he tells me that he is probably going down to Melbourne to take your place at 3 L.O. He is a quiet sort of chap and I wonder if he will be any use to us. He has not had any experience ashore, and of course that is a very big drawback. I am writing to you officially today enclosing two or three letters from people in Sydney. I will be glad if you will spend at least one day in Sydney and during that day interview the three people concerned. They are all applying for engineers' jobs. Please do not commit yourself in any way whatever in regard to these people, but just have a talk to them and see what they are like and also what they know. If, at a later date, you will let me know what day you will be in Sydney, I will write to them and ask them to call and see you. You can interview them at Amalgamated Wireless' Rooms. We will make no decision whatever regarding any appointments to the Service until such time as you arrive here, and we can discuss the whole of the details in full.

We are now starting with the building of the Station, and when you arrive here we should just have reached the stage which will make it quite interesting. Of course up here things are very much different to what we experienced down below.

F. W. Stevens Esq.,
Caulfield,
MELBOURNE. VIC

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.G.

Brisbane, 24th March, 1925.

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We who are actually running the Station are also controlling its policy and administration and this makes the job not only interesting but also makes one feel that it is really worth while.

I look forward very eagerly to your arrival here, and know that we are going to achieve very very big things in this part of Australia.

With kindest regards to all at home.

Yours sincerely,

J. Robinson

Queensland Radio Service,

Station 4 Q.C.

Brisbane,

24th March, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith letters from Mr. Percy L. Sewell, Mr. B. S. Jones and Mr. G. Maxwell Cutts of Sydney, together with copies of the letters I have written in reply.

When you are in Sydney, will you please interview these gentlemen with a view to ascertaining just exactly what they are like.

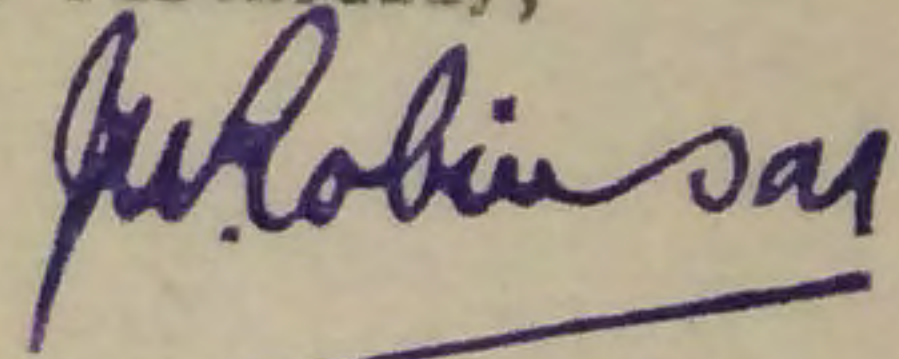
Please do not commit yourself in any way whatever; simply let them know that you are merely discussing the matter with them with a view to enabling us to better consider their application.

I will be pleased to discuss the matter fully with you when you return,

Will you please carefully preserve the letters.

If you will let me know the exact date on which you will be in Sydney, I will correspond with the gentlemen, and ask them to call at Amalgamated Wireless' Offices and see you.

Yours faithfully,



Encl:

F. W. Stevens Esq.,
"Westfield",
88 Eskdale Road,
Caulfield,

MANAGER.
QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

MELBOURNE. VIC.

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.C.

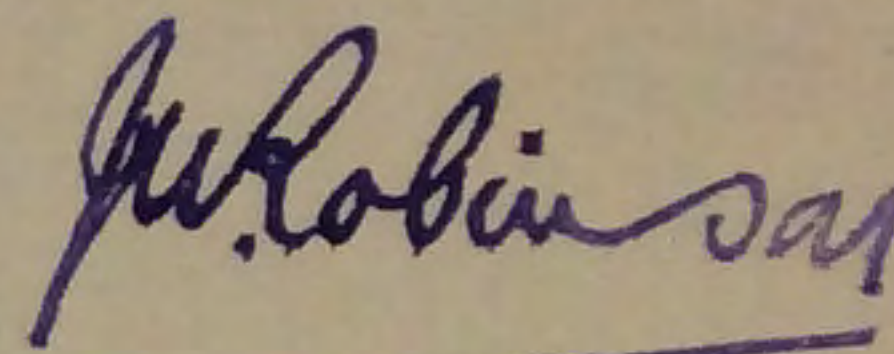
Brisbane,

19th March, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to request you to be good enough to take up your duties as Chief Engineer of the Queensland Radio Service on Monday April 20th, 1925.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Robinson', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

MANAGER.

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

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88 Eskdale Road,

Caulfield,

MELBOURNE. VIC.

Chief Secretary's Office.

Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

F.W.Stevens Esq.,
Eskdale Road
Caulfield
Melbourne Vic.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your telegram stating that you will accept the position of Chief Engineer, Queensland Radio Service, on the terms as outlined in my letter of the 19th inst.

Your appointment has not yet been made public and if you desire it I am quite willing to communicate with your company from this office and mention the matter to them.

For your own information I may state that the relations existing between my department and your company are quite harmonious and there is not any possibility of any friction owing to my making an offer which will remove you from your present position. You may therefore mention the matter to your company when you feel so inclined, or if you desire it I will communicate with them from Queensland and point out that the Government has made the offer to you.

I am expecting a letter confirming your telegram, and on receipt of it will forward a formal letter of appointment to you.

Yours faithfully

J. Robinson

Manager

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

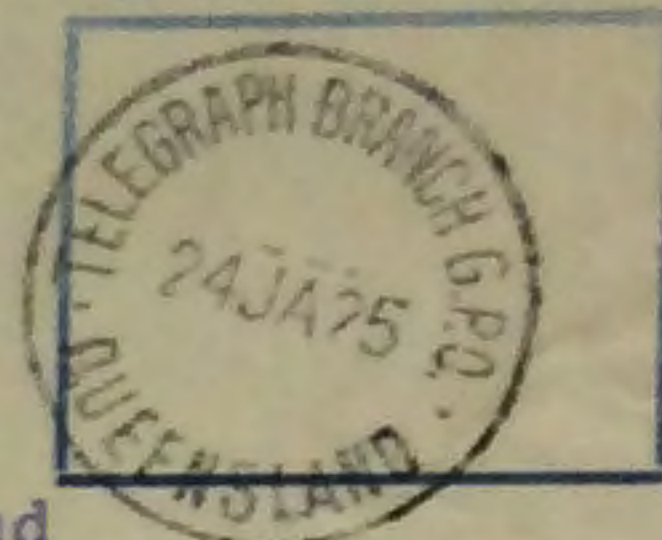
E.T. No. 2

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

TELEGRAM

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Station From Words Check Remarks No.
V116 Melbourne 20 10 30am
Time and Date Lodged To



Manager Queensland

Radio Service

Chief Secretarys

This message has been received subject to the Post and Telegraph Act and Regulations

Office Brisbane

DETAINED BY
RECEPTION

confidential respectfully desire accept offer your letter
nineteenth january

F W Stevens

1 30pm do

Time received at this Office

Queensland Radio Service,

Station 4 Q.G.

Brisbane,

5th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th which reached me this morning. I had a very busy time in Sydney and managed to clear up quite a number of important matters. In this letter I want to try and give you some idea of just how everything is going along at present. I have not yet been able to get a plan of the station on a small print, but will send you one as soon as possible. You have seen the photo of the State Insurance building and consequently know just where the station will be situated. During the past two or three weeks we have met with considerable unavoidable delay, the question of masts having been the cause of it. The building is quite high enough, but as we are using counterpoise A.W.A. demanded a 75 feet space between the aerial and the screen. I asked the Government Architect to sanction 100 feet masts at the corners of the building, but he would not do so on the grounds that they could not be effectively guyed. He was prepared to allow me to put tall masts a little way in from the sides or to allow me to put one mast 150 feet high right in the centre of the building to support an umbrella aerial. Of course, I was not prepared to adopt any sort of aerial except of the type which met with the approval of A.W.A. They have to guarantee a range, and if I had put masts which would not support the type of aerial they demanded, they could easily have blamed me for any inefficient working, and would probably have been justified too. I may say confidentially that they were very anxious to have the station at some outside point and secure the control of it, but I took a very strong and definite stand on this matter. A.W.A. and myself were for some time unable to agree over the aerial question, and when I returned to Brisbane, I went into the question of the erection of four-legged light steel towers. The aerial which these towers will support has now been approved

Mr. J. W. Stevens,
88 Eskdale Road, CAULFIELD. VIC.

by

Queensland Radio Service.

Station 4 Q.C.

by A.W.A. and the Government ^{Brisbane,} Architect has also given me his permission to place them on the building. I should point out that the Government Architect controls the buildings and his permission is necessary before any additions may be made. The position now is that we will have two steel towers similar to those used at some of the American Stations, placed diagonally opposite each other on the building. They will be 100 feet high, and will support an inverted "L" aerial which will be 125 feet long and which will run from north-west to south-east. A.W.A. opposed a shorter aerial on the grounds that it would be possible to dissipate 5 K.W. with it.

I, too, would have liked to have started on the low wave length before 3L.O., but I hardly think it will be possible now.

My specifications for the station are complete, the engineers are now finalising their tower designs, and by next Wednesday a definite start in regard to the building should be made. We will push on with the station and as quickly as possible and thus enable A.W.A. to instal gear while the balance of the building is being finished.

There will be quite a number of outside points, probably half a dozen churches, two or three picture shows, two or three park band stands, one or two dance halls and two or three lines to public halls.

About your coming up here. We are not yet able to fix an actual date, but you may take it that it will be sometime between April 1st and April 15th. As soon as the Works Department makes an actual commencement with the building, I will wire you and fix a date. You will then be here during the whole of the constructive work, and I think you will be better pleased to do this than to come here when the Station is half finished. Being here when the building is taking place, you will be able to assume a control of it from the Government's point of view, and will be able to include in it many of the ideas which I know you hold.

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.G.

By this time next ~~Brisbane~~ hope to know the definite date. When you do come, I would suggest that you travel either by train or boat, whichever suits you best. If you like you can pay your own fare and collect it when you arrive, or if you desire it, I will have your berths reserved for you. I think if you pay your own fare it will be better, because you can then pick your own cabin etc. etc.

Needless to say, I am looking forward to seeing you here, because I have a number of very important matters to discuss with you. I am making no appointments whatever to the staff until such time as you arrive, because I am desirous of letting you have your say in the selection of the men who will be working for you.

I want to have logs prepared for the station, but want to make them a little more efficient than those used at 2F.C. I have prepared a studio log which will be used by the announcer and it will amount simply to a complete and careful record of all musical items transmitted, together with their times. Data required for copyright purposes will be included in it and copyright returns will be prepared from it by the staff. I am making no provision in it for any comments regarding technicalities or qualities of transmission by the announcer. His job is to run the musical side only. I want a station log which can be kept by the engineer on duty, and I think that the simpler and more compact it is the better. I am enclosing herewith a rough draft of what I suggest would be a good form of station log, and I will be glad to have your opinion on it also any further suggestions in regard to it will be welcome. I proposed to make it in the form of a loose-leaf book. The log forms will be printed and may be kept in the Station and then fitted into the book much the same as the way we fitted them into the studio log book at 2F.C. The cover will be in the form of a neat leather binding and the whole thing will not take much space. It can lie on your table in the Station during transmission, and while it will contain all the

Queensland Radio Service,

Station 4 Q.C.

information we desire it will not take very much keeping.

Brisbane,

About hours. I propose to work very much the same as the hours at 2F.C., but in our Station, the staff will not be worked to death. Between us, we will arrange regular working schedules which will result in the service getting the maximum amount of work out of each operator without working him so as to take all his interest away from the show.

There is much more that I could discuss, but as I hope to see you within the next four weeks, I will leave it to be talked over.

With kindest regards to yourself and yours.

Yours very sincerely,

J. Robinson

Chief Secretary's Office,

Brisbane.

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

3rd. February, 1925.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo confirming your telegram of the 24th ultimo accepting the position as Chief Engineer, Queensland Radio Service. This will serve to confirm your appointment as Chief Engineer for a period of three years at a salary of £500 per annum for the first year with increments subject to the successful operation of the Station, at the rate of £50 per annum in each of the second and third years, the appointment to be terminable by three months' notice on either side.

At the present moment, I am unable to let you know exactly when your appointment will commence, but it will in all probability be in the vicinity of the middle of next month.

Yours faithfully,

J. Robinson

GENERAL MANAGER.

QUEENSLAND RADIO SERVICE.

F. W. Stevens Esq.,
Westfield,
88 Eskdale Road,
CAULFIELD; VIC;

Westfield
88 Eskdale Rd
Caulfield VIC.
27th January 1925

Manager
Queensland Radio Service
Chief Secretarys Office
Brisbane QLD.

Dear Sir,

Confirming my telegram of 24th January 1925;-

"Confidential respectfully desire accept offer your
"letter nineteenth January "

I desire to thank you for the offer and shall be pleased
to accept according to conditions laid down in your letter.

In fairness to my present employers I would like to give
~~them~~ them good notice of my resignation. I would therefore appreciate advice
from you of the date of my prospective appointment in time to enable
me to do this.

Any information regarding the proposed working and
ideals of the service would be appreciated by me.

Yours faithfully

W. Stevens O.

Westfield
88 Eskdale Rd
Canfield, N.J.
10. 2. 25.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

Very many
thanks for yours of 4th + 5th
inst with enclosure. I was
very pleased indeed to get
all the good oil. There was
an announcement in the Argus
a day or so ago that the wave
length of L.G. was to be 3857 +
Power S.K.W. Is there likely to
be any comment on my appoint-
ment in the press? I just
wondered because very few
know about it yet + that would
surprise some of them. As the
didn't keep it dark very long,
as MacDonald heard + told
the Johnston + Cutler heard it
from Newman so you see it soon
gets about. The Broadcasting
Co don't seem to know - not that
it will worry them I suppose,
but nobody has commented
on it so far.

There are all sorts of suggestions
I have for the new service,
but as they are more or less
of a minor nature, there is
time later to discuss them

W. F. Stevens
Westfield
88 Eskdale Rd

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I might mention in passing however, is a scheme of signalling between Control room & studios by light signs. These will be read by the artist instead of by ~~the~~ the announcer or by both as the particular case demands. However that's a detail but just goes to show, I have one or 2 workable schemes in my head.

There is nothing to report this time so this will only be short.

Nevertheless there is one more matter I'd like to mention. It's early for this yet too, but thought it worth while bringing up for consideration. The Chapter is headed 'Announcer'. Have you given serious thought to the matter yet. We have an excellent chap here. He is a MAN - has brains, initiative & a good voice, tho there is room for improvement in his delivery. The latter can be improved on with a little advice. He is an ex English Captain (been a military man for years) & has been fruit farming in Victoria for 4 years but owing to advice

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Alton's has not been able
make a success of it.

The English & a captain his
bearing & manner is excellent
& I can thoroughly recommend
him as worthy of serious
consideration should you feel
so inclined. He is getting
£6. per week here. He is married
& his wife is a very fine woman.
She helps with bedtime stories
at times.

Let's know if its any use
following up these suggestions.
Hot as L here today. Very thundery
some rain & P.R.N. max.

Haven't seen Miss B. since
she called with her set.

Believe things are very much
up side down at 27c. What
actually happened to B.O.?

Kind regards from all
Yrs sincerely

D. H. Kewen.

Chief Secretary's Office.

Brisbane.

23rd. February, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and must apologise for the delay which was caused in my being in Sydney for a few days. I was very pleased to hear that you have a number of suggestions regarding the service. The signalling system for artists is a good one and will certainly be put into effect. I want you to realise that when you arrive in Brisbane, the service will welcome these sort of suggestions and you will be given a free hand to carry out technical schemes which it has been impossible to carry out in other stations.

Many thanks for the suggestion regarding the announcer. I have not given this matter any serious thought yet, and will discuss it with you when you arrive. I may also say that I am taking no steps whatever to appoint any junior operators until you arrive, it, in my opinion, being wiser to allow you to interview those who have already applied. During the next fortnight I hope to write you and give you some definite information regarding the date on which the Government requires your services.

Confidential:

Will you please ascertain quickly and judiciously from Lamb if he would be prepared to accept the position of second engineer here for three years at £400, £450 and £500 respectively. Do not commit yourself and do not let him know that it comes from me.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

W. F. Stevens Esq.,
Westfield
88 Eskdale Street,
CAULFIELD. VIC.

W. Robin say

Queensland Radio Service,
Station 4 Q.G.

Brisbane, 10th March, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

I duly received the photograph and have sent it along to the Queensland Radio News. Copies of the issue in which it appears will duly be preserved for you.

Under separate cover I am posting you a copy of the plan of the Station. You will notice provision is made for an Assistant Manager's office, but I have not yet taken any steps regarding the staff. I wish to discuss the question of administration with you when you arrive, and am wondering if you are desirous of looking after technical interest only, or if you would be prepared to act as Chief Engineer and Deputy Manager. Whatever you do your position will be second in the Service, but perhaps you will think out exactly what is the best administrative scheme, and then we can discuss it when you arrive.

For your information I enclose herewith copy of a Progress Report which I have submitted to Cabinet. This will give you some idea of just what we have done. There is, of course, no need whatever for me to ask you to treat it as strictly confidential.

I have no objection to your showing the plan to any of the wireless men at 3L.O., but I do not want any of them to know anything of our administration.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. Robinson

F. W. Stevens

Commenced career with Postmaster
Generals Dept in Victoria.

When war broke out, was unable
to enlist so studied wireless and
went away with Naval transport
service. After several exciting voyages
was transferred to Royal Australian
Naval Radio Service & sent to Samarai
- New Guinea. While there armistice
signed & radio service transferred
to Prime Ministers Dept & then to
Postmaster Generals Dept. After 3
years in New Guinea, ~~was~~ brought
back to the Coastal Radio station
at Melbourne. In 1921 volunteers
were called for 3 men to man
the Willis Island meteorological
& wireless station. Spent ~~approximately~~
six months at Willis Island during
which time no person other
than the 3 other men of the party
were seen. When the seed of
wireless broadcasting began to

germinate in Australia, was
interested in tests carried out at
the Melbourne Radio station, & voice
was one of the first to be
transmitted by wireless from
Victoria to New Zealand.

Transferred to Farniers & Co's
studio (2 F.C.) when that station
commenced operations latter end
of '923. When A.B.C. Broadcasting
Co. of Aust. (B.L.O.) opened, transferred
to Melbourne to take charge of
technical operations at the studio.

Dear Mr Robinson,

As I promised, herewith
a photo. & a few lines. Kindly delete
what you do not approve of. It is
of course more or less in prece form
as it stands.

Anxiously waiting for a definite date
of appointment. Several have been after
a definite date.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely, J. H. H. H.

Chief Secretary's Office,

Brisbane.

24th February, 1925.

Dear Mr. Stevens,

The Queensland Radio News, a very fine little monthly publication would like your photo and a few lines about you. If you will send the photo to me and enclose with it a few lines, I will hand it to the Editor.

I am enclosing a couple of small paragraphs which appeared in the Brisbane "Courier" and Brisbane "Daily Mail" a few days ago.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:

W. Robinson

Mr. F. W. Stevens,
"Westfield"
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CAULFIELD. MELBOURNE.

General
"Stevens"

STATION 4Q.G.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

Block

Mr. F. W. Stevens at present assistant engineer at Station 3L.O., Melbourne, who has been appointed Chief Engineer Queensland Radio Service.

Mr. Stevens commenced his career with the Post Master General's Department in Victoria. On the outbreak of war he was unable to enlist in the A.I.F., but having made a study of wireless was accepted for service with the Naval Transport Corps. After several exciting voyages he was transferred to the Royal Australian Naval Radio Service, and was sent to Samarai, New Guinea. He was at Samarai when the Armistice was signed, and when the Radio Service was transferred to the Post Master General's Department, returned to Australia and was attached to the Coastal Radio Station at Melbourne. In 1921 Mr. Stevens with two others was selected from volunteers to man Willis Island Meteorological and Wireless Station. He spent six months on this Island during which time he saw no person other than the two members of the party who were with him. Mr. Stevens was interested in the earliest wireless tests carried out at the Melbourne Radio Station, and his voice was one of the first to be transmitted from Victoria to New Zealand. He joined Farmer's broadcasting service when Station 2F.C. commenced operations and when Station 3L.O. was opened, was transferred to Melbourne to take charge of technical operations at the studios. Mr. Stevens is a man who is not only interested in wireless because of the fact that it is his profession, he is also doubly interested from the technical point of view. Much of the success which attended some of the transmissions from 2F.C. was due to his efforts, and

listeners to 4Q.G. should in the near future be glad to know that he is associated with wireless in Queensland.

It is expected that Mr. Stevens will arrive in Brisbane very shortly.

Westfield
88 Eskdale Rd
Caulfield Vic
30. 3. 25.

Dear Mr Robinson,

Many thanks for yours of 24th inst. Before referring further to that letter I must apologise for not mentioning the matter of logs as referred to by you in yours of 5th March. In your draft the column "Description" is not quite clear to me. What will actually go under that heading. As far as "Atmospherics" are concerned I hardly think a space need be left for them. With the station in such close proximity to the control room, a small loop & a crystal will give sufficient monitoring volume. Therefore practically no xs will be heard. Apart from that I consider the draft log very suitable. There was one other minor detail which perhaps may be more suitable. That is the transposition of the words "Session" & "Log". Possibly ok as it is. Just struck me it may be easier for reference to have the date most prominent. Now for yours of 24th

Lamb has good prospects travelling for the A.W.A. but after a conversation the other day he indicated that £400, £450, & £500 might attract him at a later date but he refused to consider at the moment. He indicated that something on paper was necessary & at the same time he wished to give the travellers a try out. Lamb would be ok in the station but, although I don't think he knows it, he is being taken out of the control room on account of his monitoring.

J. Stevens has left the Leontia & is to relieve me. He is a very keen

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inventions Chap & after a little experience
I think he would make a very handy
Chap. He seemed to enjoy the time he spent
with you & spoke of it several times.

About the chaps you refer to in your
official letter & whose applications you
forwarded. I anticipate leaving here
by the "Karoola" Easter Saturday 11th
April so will be in Sydney Monday
13th April. That being Easter Monday it
may not be convenient for a meeting
to be arranged. Let us make it
~~Wednesday~~ ^{15th} ~~Thursday~~ April. As far as the
meeting place is concerned, I suppose
your suggestion is OK, — I mean
there will not be any difficulty as
far as A.W.A. are concerned. Will you
communicate with A.W.A. or shall I see
them when I arrive in Sydney? It
apparently useless discussing anything
concerning Sydney with anyone in
Melbourne. They seem to be two different
concerns.

My arrival in Brisbane will be
decided to a small degree how I get on
in Sydney, but all being well I'll
leave Sydney by Thursday's train &
be in Brisbane Friday. Can you
suggest somewhere to hang out until
I get my bearings. Is yours a private
or ordinary boarding house?
It won't be long now until I'm on
the job.

I'll officially reply to yours of 24th March.
Don't think there is anything else new
so will close.

Kind regards from all

yours sincerely J. J. Stevens

P.T.O.

P.S.

Am unable to secure a berth in 'Karoola' so will be leaving here Easter Monday by train (13th inst). In consequence of this please arrange for the chaps to meet me Wednesday morning.

Have been up twice to see Malone. Each time he has been too busy to discuss matters but will give me a ring next week.

Have also tried to find Mr. Kingsley-Love, but cannot. Find his office OK but is very seldom in. Will try again & if possible make an appointment by phone.

Recd yours of 30th March & also photos. Many thanks.

I have been holding up these letters & definitely decide date of leaving Melbourne. Cheers you *John*